
EXECUTIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING THE
MONTANA WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

WHEREAS, the United States Congress recently enacted the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, Public Law 105-220, August, 1998, requiring that each state establish a state Workforce Investment Board to assist in the development of an integrated and effective workforce development system; and

WHEREAS, the Governor is vested with the responsibility of creating the Board; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for a state Workforce Investment Board to plan and coordinate the development of Montana's various employment training and preparation programs and to evaluate the effectiveness of such programs in enhancing Montana's economic opportunities.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MARC RACICOT, Governor of the State of Montana, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the laws and Constitution of the State of Montana and pursuant to Section 111 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, hereby appoint the members of the Montana Workforce Investment Board and recognize its duties.

I. PURPOSE

The Montana Workforce Investment Board:

1) shall assist the Governor in developing an integrated strategic plan for economic development in Montana which encompasses the goals of a coordinated and effective

workforce investment system;

2) shall serve the purpose of a state workforce investment board as referenced in Title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, which includes assisting the Governor in performing the following tasks:

a) development of a State strategic plan for workforce investment activities;

b) development and continuous improvement of a Workforce Center system which affords all Montanans accessible job location and preparation services;

c) submission of comment at least once annually on the measures taken pursuant to section 113(b)(14) of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act;

d) designation of local workforce investment areas in the state of Montana;

e) development of allocation formulas for the distribution of funds for adult employment and training activities and youth activities to local areas as permitted by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998;

f) development and continuous improvement of comprehensive state performance measures to assess the effectiveness of the workforce investment activities in the state as required by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998;

- 1 g) preparation of an annual report to the Secretary
2 of Labor regarding workforce investment activities;
3 h) development of a statewide employment statistics
4 system described in section 15(e) of the Wagner Peyser
5 Act; and
6 i) development of an application for an incentive
7 grant as specified by Section 503 of the Workforce
8 Investment Act of 1998; and
9 3) may recommend to the Governor changes in state
10 policies or practices which would assist the effectiveness
11 of workforce preparation and economic development in the
12 state.

13 II. COMPOSITION

14 The Montana Workforce Investment Board shall be
15 composed of:

- 16 1) the Governor;
17 2) 2 members of each chamber of the State Legislature
18 appointed by the appropriate presiding officers of
19 each such chamber;
20 3) representatives appointed by the Governor, who are:
21 a) representatives of business in the State, who-
22 1) are businesspersons with optimum policy
23 making or hiring authority;
24 2) represent businesses with employment
25 opportunities that reflect the employment
26 opportunities of the State; and
27 3) are appointed from among individuals
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1 nominated by State business organizations
2 and business trade associations;

3 b) chief elected officials, representing both cities
4 and counties, where appropriate;

5 c) representatives of labor organizations, who have
6 been nominated by state labor federations;

7 d) representatives of individuals and organizations
8 that have experience with youth activities;

9 e) representatives of individuals and organizations
10 that have experience and expertise in the
11 delivery of workforce investment activities,
12 including chief executive officers of community
13 colleges and community-based organizations within
14 the State;

15 f) the lead state agency officials with
16 responsibility for the programs and activities
17 and carried out by one-stop partners;

18 g) such other representatives and State agency
19 officials as the Governor may designate, such as
20 the State agency officials responsible for
21 economic development and juvenile justice
22 programs in the State.

23 Members of the board that represent organizations,
24 agencies, or other entities shall be individuals with optimum
25 policymaking authority within the organizations, agencies, or
26 entities. The members of the board shall represent diverse
27 regions of the State, including urban, rural and suburban areas.

1 A majority of the members of the State Board shall be
2 representatives of businesses in the State. The chair will be
3 appointed by the Governor from among the business representative
4 members of the Board.

5 The names and addresses of members who shall serve at the
6 pleasure of the Governor are submitted by separate letter to the
7 Secretary of State and to each Department participating on the
8 Board.

9 III. ADMINISTERING AGENCY

10 The Department of Labor and Industry is hereby designated
11 as the organizational unit responsible for administration and
12 management of the Montana Workforce Investment Board. This
13 agency is authorized to act in concert with a representative of
14 the Governor's Office in the planning, administering,
15 coordinating and oversight functions assigned to the Governor.
16 Council administrative staff will be funded through
17 administrative funds available through the Workforce Investment
18 Act of 1998.

19 IV. DURATION

20 The Board shall exist for a period of time as needed to
21 carry out the designated functions. Any provisions of prior
22 Executive Orders relating to the members and authority of the
23 Montana Workforce Preparation Coordinating Council are hereby
24 superseded by the provisions of this Order. This Order is
25 effective immediately.
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GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT
SEAL of the State of Montana,
this ____ day of _____, 1999.

MARC RACICOT, Governor

ATTEST:

MIKE COONEY, Secretary of State